

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 15, "Requirements for Special Education Endorsements," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment conforms the rule to current practice by requiring that practitioners who hold the K-8 special education endorsement for the 5-12 endorsement area being added may satisfy the requirements for the secondary methods class and the student teaching experience by completing all the required coursework and presenting verification of competence of teaching a minimum of two years while properly licensed.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2008. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Marcia J. Henderson, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to marcia.henderson@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 15.1(2) as follows:

15.1(2) Adding special education instructional endorsements to Iowa licenses. After the issuance of a practitioner license, an individual may add other special education instructional endorsements to that license upon proper application provided current requirements for the endorsement(s) have been met. However, if an applicant is seeking to add a special education instructional endorsement at the same level, elementary or secondary, as other endorsements held, the student teaching component set out in the rules for added endorsement areas is not required.

However, if the applicant holds the K-8 special education endorsement for the 5-12 endorsement area being added, the applicant may satisfy the requirement requirements for a the secondary methods class and the student teaching experience by completing all the required coursework and presenting verification of competence of teaching a minimum of two years while properly licensed. This verification of competence shall be signed by a licensed evaluator who has observed and formally evaluated the performance of the applicant at the secondary level.